

human rights, his opposition to abortion, his opposition to the death penalty, and for organizing civil rights movement through nonviolent civil disobedience.

We join this man and his wife and all of those who are suffering. We have got to speak out and not give up until they are free.

MISUSE OF FEDERAL POWER

(Mr. GREEN of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, we have so much to be proud of in our country: our young people serving in the military, protecting our Nation, our law enforcement working long hours to make us safe. We can even celebrate last night the Houston Astros winning a no-hitter against the New York Yankees with six pitchers.

What we cannot be proud of and what bothers many Americans is we have had three different congressional committee members ask the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Justice, and the FBI to release all the information and audiotapes concerning the use of our Federal law enforcement to track Texas legislators. This sounds like an abuse of authority, and it smells.

Our law enforcement should not be used for partisan political purposes. Release these tapes and let the American people decide who is wasting our law enforcement's time, when they should be protecting our Nation, looking for Texas legislators.

FREE MARTA BEATRIZ ROQUE

(Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Mr. Speaker, today we speak of a heroine, an extraordinary woman and leader who languishes in Castro's gulag, Marta Beatriz Roque, sentenced to 25 years for speaking her mind on behalf of freedom and democracy.

To those who wish to send billions of dollars to the dictatorship in Cuba by sending U.S. tourists to savor tropical drinks in the tourism apartheid resorts and take advantage of the regime-encouraged child prostitution, I think it is worthwhile to listen to Marta Beatriz, one of the last statements before she was picked up and sent to a gulag for 25 years.

We exhort all the governments of the civilized world not to prolong the agony of the Cuban people, not to finance the tyranny, not to support the tyranny; that they condemn the tourism apartheid, that they condemn the exploitation of laborers, the prostitution of our youth, the traffic of stolen property, the plunder of the Cuban nation. Solidarity is required today with those who advocated freedom in Cuba

and those who also advocated freedom in exile.

Marta Beatriz Roque and all of the Cuban political prisoners, we do not forget you for one day. We will continue to fight until you are free and until all Cubans are free.

GROWING BUDGET DEFICIT

(Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to voice my anger, my anger over the Bush administration's willingness to plunge our economy further into debt.

The Congressional Budget Office had projected that this year's shortfall to the budget would be \$300 billion. But recently they came back and they now tell us it is going to be over \$400 billion.

This year's budget deficit will be the biggest one since 1992 and it will be the second consecutive one under this President after we had 4 years of surplus by President Clinton's administration.

Instead of enacting fiscally responsible legislation, this administration continues to do further tax cuts for the wealthy. Former President Clinton recently said, When you find yourself in a hole, a practical person stops digging. But this Bush administration, it is asking for a bigger shovel.

Mr. Speaker, it is time to stop digging. Fiscal responsibility needs to be the rule and not the exception to the rule.

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WESTERN SAHARA

(Mr. PITTS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, I am deeply concerned that the negotiations over the Western Sahara for the past decade have all been for nothing.

Former Moroccan Minister of Interior Driss Basri recently said, "The Houston agreement did not come as a way to find a solution to the issue of Sahara. It came as a starting point of an American plan . . . and it will preserve the American interests," and as U.N. diplomat Marrack Goulding wrote, "for enhanced autonomy for Western Sahara within the kingdom of Morocco."

I find it deplorable and offensive that various officials of Morocco, the U.N., and the U.S. engaged in what amounted to a farce. They spent over \$530 million and negotiated an agreement to hold a referendum for the people of Western Sahara without ever intending to hold that referendum.

Mr. Speaker, this is not a game. The people of Western Sahara agreed to a ceasefire on the basis that all parties

would uphold the negotiated agreement of a free, fair, and transparent referendum for self-determination. The people of Western Sahara have no desire to suffer under the colonial rule of the kingdom of Morocco; and so the United States, the U.N., and Morocco should stop the game-playing and implement the referendum.

TAKE UP THE SENATE-PASSED CHILD TAX CREDIT

(Mr. DEFAZIO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. DEFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, it has been nearly 2 weeks since the embarrassing revelations that the \$350 billion Republican tax cut left behind 6.5 million working families with incomes of \$10,000 to \$27,000 a year. Not a penny to them and their 12 million children. They were stiffed to make room for more millionaire tax cuts.

Last week, the Senate rushed to fix this. The President has endorsed what the Senate did; and if the Republican leaders here in the House really cared about these families and their kids, they would take up, pass the Senate bill today, send it down to the President tonight, get him to sign it; and they could get refund checks next month along with other families. But, no, that is not what they are going to do.

They are going to turn these families into second-class citizens. If this bill passes today, they can file for the money next year. A lot of working families with parents in combat will be excluded under this bill. They will be left out altogether, but it really does one thing that they really want to do. It assures this bill will not become law because they really do not care about those 6.5 million families and their 12 million kids. They are low-income people. They do not care.

CALL FOR RESPONSIBLE FATHERHOOD

(Mr. RYUN of Kansas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. RYUN of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, as we approach Father's Day, I rise to emphasize the importance of the father in a child's life. A father's presence at home contributes to a child's success in school. It also encourages a child to abstain from drugs and remain crime-free. Until we recognize these facts, we will struggle to defeat many of society's problems.

We provide funding to alleviate problems that are caused by absent fathers, but what we really need are fathers who are physically, emotionally, and spiritually present in their child's life.

I hope that this Father's Day will not just be a day for children to honor their fathers, but also a day for fathers to honor their children by investing in their lives.